



Missouri Department of Conservation

High School Fishing Grant Guidelines

1. **PURPOSE:**

The High School Fishing Grant Program assists high school-recognized fishing clubs in providing a quality fishing program for their members.

2. **MEASURABLE OUTCOMES:**

Recipient will participate in at least one of the listed approved conservation activities, or other MDC approved project as inserted below, within one year of signed agreement.

- Assist with MDC projects or events. For example, fish habitat improvement projects, kids fishing clinics, special fishing events.
- 50% of club members become a trained fishing instructor through our Department angling education program and assist with at least one class.
- Club becomes a Rod and Reel Loaner Program location and provides the maintenance of the equipment at that location for at least one year after signed agreement.
- Club provides maintenance to the fishing gear at a Rod and Reel Loaner Program location(s) near their school for at least one year after signed agreement.
- Club become a Missouri Stream Team and participate in at least one of the offered activities.

Examples include:

- Lake or stream cleanup
- Adopt a lake or stream or access and perform a cleanup
- Install and maintain a monofilament recycling station
- Water quality monitoring
- Storm drain stenciling

Other MDC approved project: _____

3. **MEASURABLE DELIVERABLES:**

A. Department agrees to:

1. Provide up to \$500 to help with travel, equipment, and other needs of the high school fishing club (but not pay stipends or salaries/wages for coaches or advisors).

B. The Recipient agrees to:

1. Participate in at least one of the approved conservation activities.
2. Provide a one-page conservation activity report within 30 days of completed activity to:

Fisheries Grant Program
Missouri Department of Conservation
PO Box 180
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180

4. **AGREEMENT PERIOD:** Dependent on selected activity.

5. **FUNDING AMOUNT AND SOURCES:**

MDC agrees to provide financial assistance to Recipient in the amount of up to \$500 to be paid upon receipt of the conservation activity report. The conservation activity report should list dates, locations, and number of participating club members for the conservation activities, or other MDC approved project listed above.

The amount of up to \$500 is provided by the Department within the Fisheries Division. This funding may not be used to pay stipends or salaries/wages for coaches or advisors.

6. **PAYMENT PROCESSING:** Recipients must register with the State of Missouri vendor system prior to receiving funds. A single disbursement by check will be sent after the submission of the conservation activity report.

7. **APPROPRIATION:** The agreement shall not be binding upon the Department for any period in which funds have not been appropriated.

8. **MONITORING REQUIREMENTS:**

The Department may access the financial records of Recipient related to the receipt and use of grant funds.

9. **TERMINATION:**

Either party may terminate this agreement at any time, without penalty or recourse, by giving written notice at least thirty days prior to the effective date of the termination. Recipient will provide receipts for funds spent, and return unspent funds.

10. **APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, HOLD HARMLESS:** The Recipient shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of this agreement to the extent that the same may be applicable to the entity. The Recipient agrees to assume all risks associated with the activities performed under this Agreement and agrees to hold harmless the Department, the Conservation Commission, and its agents and employees, from any claim or suit arising from, or in connection with, this Agreement and the activities performed under this Agreement. Nothing in this agreement shall constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity.